

REMARKS

The continued restriction of claims 11 - 15 and new restriction of claims 21 - 25 is noted with respect to new tool claims 36 - 40, which have been allowed together with claims like 26 - 35 to the elected process in the corresponding EP application. This reflects an international standard of unity the Patent Office is supposed to follow irrespective of its independent assessment of patentability.

As to patentability, claims 26 - 35 to the elected process have been edited from those allowed in the EP application to the rigors of US antecedent practice on the basis of page 3, lines 4 - 20 (as numbered) of the original specification, for example.

It remains unlikely that the assignee "Airbus" entity would let the rejection of independent claim 1 under 35 USC 102 for anticipation by the Breuer, et al. patent of a related "Airbus" entity arise, and less likely that it would continue in new independent claim 26. The claimed common thermal expansion of the claimed second subcomponent and tooling distinguish these claimed components from the patent that neither discloses nor suggests common thermal expansion of "additional stiffening or strengthening profile members 3" and any other component.

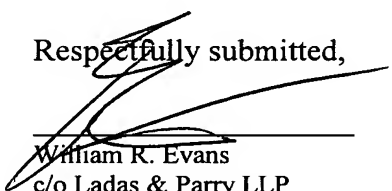
The "additional stiffening or strengthening profile members 3" of the patent do not teach toward providing common thermal expansion because, when they are removable like the claimed tooling, "... these members 3 are seen merely as molding auxiliary inserts that can be reused for subsequent molding operations."

The rejection of prior claim 1 under 35 USC 103 for obviousness from the cited Cerezo Pancorbo, et al. EP patent publication cannot be applied to new claim 26, either, because there is not one word in the EP patent publication about achieving a common thermal expansion of tool and component, as claimed.

Unsupported speculation as to the qualities of that apparatus can form no basis for rejection of claim In re Glass, 176 USPQ 529, 532 (CCPA 1973).

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

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